provisions for women and child labour. Central Government also gives assistance to voluntary organisations for organising women labour to enable them to secure their rightful demands.

(d) Does not arise.

Media coverage of Gulf War

325. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the coveage of the Gulf war contains more of Western propaganda while the Indian media had failed totally in providing a correct picture of the war scenario and not a single reporter was present on the spot war front;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, what are the findings of the enquiry report;

(e) whether it is also a fact that there is large scale criticism from the public on projection of Gulf War in the Indian media; and

(f) what steps Government propose to take to give up-to-date projection of war developments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (f) The Media has been providing the latest and uptodate information about various aspects of the gulf war. Doordarshan and AIR have been providing in their news programmes, latest information on the gulf war provided by news organisations. Media persons who had been in that area have provided news/comments for news programmes.

Spurt in militant activties in Kashmir

326. SHRI GUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item captioned 'Spurt in Kashmir militant activities' that appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated 6-2-1991;

(b) if so, whether the militant activities in the valley have suddenly increased;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) how many citizens and security personnel have died so far in the Valley during the last six months;

(e) whether it is also a fact that rocket and grenade attacks and bomb explosions have become very common in the valley; and

(f) what steps Government have taken or propose to take effectively control or defuse the activities of militants in the Valley?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) The number of incidents and killings in January, 1991 were higher than those in December, 1990. The law and order situation continues to be difficult in J&K because of the presence of large number of militants with sophisticated arms ammunition and continued support from across the border. The militants have also used rockets, grenades and bombs in certain incidents. During the last 6 months over 100 security forces personnels and over 200 others were killed by militants in the Valley.

To contain the terrorists aetivities stringent administrative measures have been taken.